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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER PLANNING MAY VISIT TO THE U.S.

Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request, please see paragraph 4.

[1](#)2. (C) During an April 14 meeting with the Ambassador, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusuf bin Alawi indicated he wished to travel to Washington, DC in May to meet with senior USG officials. He noted that his travel dates would be flexible to accommodate a meeting with the Secretary. In addition, bin Alawi would like to schedule

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meetings with Vice President Cheney, Deputy Secretary Negroponte, Under Secretary Burns, National Security Council Advisor Hadley, and key leaders from the House and Senate, including the chairs of the House International Relations and Senate Foreign Relations committees.

[1](#)3. (C) Bin Alawi further stated that he would be interested in receiving intelligence briefings concerning terrorism and Iran while in Washington. He is also willing to travel to Tampa to attend meetings at CENTCOM if recommended. Bin Alawi also confirmed to the Ambassador that MFA Under Secretary Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi plans to visit Washington,

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DC during the latter half of June for consultations.

[1](#)4. (C) Action Request and Comment: Post requests Department to propose possible dates for the Minister's visit to Washington and Tampa, inclusive of the meetings requested by bin Alawi. We would note that bin Alawi does not intend to engage in formal Gulf Security Dialogue (GSD) discussions while in Washington as this responsibility has been given to Sayyid Badr. According to the Under Secretary's office, Sayyid Badr will not be available to travel to the U.S. in May for the GSD as he has trips scheduled for both India and Europe that month and will need to remain in Muscat during bin Alawi's absence. Sayyid Badr has instead proposed the week of June 18-22 for GSD talks in Washington.  
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